UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR MINERALS MANAGEMENT SERVICE

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NOTICE TO LESSEES AND OPERATORS OF FEDERAL OIL AND GAS AND SULPHUR LEASES IN THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF

2005 Industry Awards Program and Luncheon

The 2005 Minerals Management Service (MMS) Industry Awards Program and Luncheon are scheduled for Tuesday, April 26, 2005, at the Inter-Continental in Houston, Texas. This is the 22nd year that MMS has honored outstanding companies for their exemplary safety and pollution prevention records, and the seventh year for our industry awards program. The following awards will be presented:

■ Corporate Leadership Award (CORLA)

Recognizes corporation employees who have performed an exemplary act or service that helps MMS meet its mission objectives.

■ Safe Operations and Accurate Reporting (SOAR)

Recognizes OCS lessees that are outstanding in the areas of offshore operating performance and fiscal responsibility. An MMS SOAR recipient is among the safest and most committed to timely and accurate financial reporting. Contributions to overall industry performance are considered.

■ Mineral Revenues Stewardship Award

Recognizes companies committed to timely and accurately filing of mineral lease revenue and production reports with MMS's Minerals Revenue Management Program.

Safety Award for Excellence (SAFE)

The SAFE Program recognizes OCS oil and gas facility operators and contractors for outstanding safety and pollution prevention performance. The SAFE Award categories are as follows:

- High Activity Operator
- Moderate Activity Operator
- Drilling Contractor

Please log onto our web site to obtain registration information at: http://www.mms.gov/awards/

Contact: If you have additional questions, please telephone Debbie O'Brien at (703) 787-1579.

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